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Filed:	July 30, 2001	Docket No.:	20009.0107US01 (BS01-091)
Title:	System and Method for Allowing Applications to Retrieve Properties and Configuration Information from a Persistent Store		

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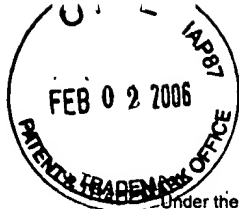
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